

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10, 13, 15-17 and 20 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of this patent application without prejudice.

Claims Allowed

In the Advisory Action dated May 13, 2004, Claims 2-3, 5, 7, 11-12, 14, and 18-19 have been allowed. Applicant herein thanks the Patent Office for allowing these claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

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